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PART 68a—NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH (NIH) CLINICAL RESEARCH LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM FOR INDIVIDUALS FROM DISADVANTAGED BACK- GROUND (CR-LRP)

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§ 68a.1 What is the scope and purpose of the NIH Clinical Research Loan Repayment Program for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds (CR-LRP)?

This part applies to the award of educational loan payments under the NIH Clinical Research Loan Repayment Program for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds (CR-LRP) authorized by section 487E of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 288–5). The purpose of this program is to recruit and retain appropriately qualified health professionals, who are from disadvantaged backgrounds and have substantial educational debt relative to income, to conduct clinical research as NIH employees.

§ 68a.2 Definitions.

As used in this part:

Act means the Public Health Service Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 201 *et seq.*).

Applicant means an individual who applies to, and meets the eligibility criteria for the CR-LRP.

Approved clinical research means clinical research approved by the Clinical Research Loan Repayment Committee.

Clinical privileges means the delineation of privileges for patient care granted to qualified health professionals by the NIH Medical Executive Committee or other appropriate credentialing board.

Clinical research means activities which qualify for inclusion as clinical research in the CR-LRP as determined by the Clinical Research Loan Repayment Committee.

Clinical Research Loan Repayment Committee (CR-LRC) means the sci-

entific board assembled to review, rank, and approve or disapprove Clinical Research Loan Repayment Program applications. The CR-LRC is composed of NIH scientific staff and co-chaired by the Associate Director for Clinical Research, NIH, and the Associate Director for Research on Minority Health, NIH. Members are nominated by the Deputy Director, Intramural Research, NIH, and the co-chairs, and appointed by the Director, NIH.

Clinical Research Loan Repayment Program (CR-LRP or Program) means the NIH Clinical Research Loan Repayment Program for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds authorized by section 487E of the Act, as amended.

Clinical Research Loan Repayment Program (CR-LRP or Program) contract refers to the agreement, which is signed by an applicant and the Secretary, wherein the applicant from a disadvantaged background agrees to engage in clinical research as an employee of the NIH and the Secretary agrees to repay qualified educational loans for a prescribed period as specified in this part.

Clinical researcher means an NIH employee with clinical privileges who is conducting approved clinical research.

Commercial loans means loans made by banks, credit unions, savings and loan associations, not-for-profit organizations, insurance companies, schools, and other financial or credit institutions which are subject to examination and supervision in their capacity as lending institutions by an agency of the United States or of the State in which the lender has its principal place of business.

Current payment status means that a qualified educational loan is not past due in its payment schedule as determined by the lending institution.

Debt threshold refers to the minimum amount of qualified educational debt an individual must have, on his/her program eligibility date, in order to be eligible for Program benefits and, for purposes of eligibility under this part, debt threshold means that the qualified educational debt must equal or exceed 20 percent of an individual's annual NIH salary on his/her program eligibility date.